

Council resolution clarifies racetrack plan

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members have made themselves very clear. They expect to see more than a race-track developed by Magna Entertainment Corp. in the city. If the corporation fails to provide the proposed retail and mixed-use development, it may cost the developer \$1.25 million.

City council members approved a resolution Monday night clarifying their position regarding the development. The track is to be built according to a Planned Development Agreement (PDA) with Magna.

The resolution states that a PDA Agreement and site plan must include either a provision for at least some meaningful portion of a mixed-use component of the

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development as part of the first phase of the project.

Special counsel for the City of Romulus Gerry Fisher believes this resolution to be in the best interest of the city itself.

"We are looking for assistance from the city council to do two things," said Fisher. "First we want to ensure that we are doing what we can to protect the city's interest and second to provide guidance so we can move forward with negotiations on a PDA agreement and plan."

Fisher said that negotiations have stalled dealing with the mixed-use component of the development.

Attorneys representing Magna were also present at the council meeting and disagreed with Fisher on the need for a resolution.

"We believe that there is no basis for a resolution," said Magna counsel. "What is proposed in what was identified as phase 1A; the race track, the 165,000 square feet entertainment pavilion and the office research and development building which is 33,000 square feet expandable to 60,000 square feet, meets the requirements."

The attorneys representing Magna went on to remind the council that in the study session Sept. 17, an agreement was made with present council members that any

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Investigation continues in theft of pitbulls from Romulus Animal Shelter

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The investigation into the theft of two pitbulls from the Romulus Animal Shelter early this month is ongoing.

According to Romulus police, a breaking and entering at the shelter occurred sometime between 5 p.m. Oct. 8 and 9 a.m. Oct. 9. During the break-in the two pitbulls were stolen.

The dogs were being held with three other pitbulls still at the shelter. All five dogs are part of a case involving dog fighting, police said.

On Aug. 29, Romulus police officers received an anonymous tip from a neighbor saying that there was a dog being abused at the residence of Christopher Floyd, a 23-year-old Romulus resident.

Police officers responding to the call immediately contacted the Romulus Animal Control Officer.

"When we went out there, the responding officers could tell that something wasn't right," said

Det. Sgt. Mike Smith.

Animal control officers arrived on the scene and determined the resident was preparing for a dog fighting ring, police said.

"They had the equipment for a ring already there," said Smith.

At that time all five pitbulls were taken into custody.

Floyd was arrested on a warrant in another matter and then released. A warrant was then issued on charges of possessing equipment and devices for fighting animals, a felony in the State of Michigan.

Floyd is scheduled to appear in court this week. If he is found guilty it will be his fourth felony, which brings with it a four-year sentence.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of the two stolen pitbulls is asked to contact the Romulus Police Department at (734) 941-8400 as soon as possible.

Police said that these dogs are extremely dangerous and anyone coming in contact with the animals should use caution.

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Det. Sgt. Mike Smith.

Correction

The first "Live with Lambert Coffee Session" will be from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 6 at the Whistle Stop restaurant located at 36542 Goddard Road in downtown Romulus. Mayor Alan Lambert will speak with individuals on a first come basis. For more information call the mayor's office at (734) 942-7571.

Gift of life Community donates blood to help child

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Last Friday was quite a treat for 4-year-old Marc Grant.

The youngster enjoyed all the visitors who came to see him at Romulus City Hall and he smiled and giggled most of the day.

Marc's parents, Romulus Police Ofc. Michael Grant and his wife, Jeannine, were equally happy to see those who came to the community center in the building, but for different reasons.

The event was a blood drive for Marc who suffers from a rare physical condition, and faces a 12-hour open heart surgery. Marc suffers from a duplication on the short arm chromosome number 17, a region encompassing more than 30 genes. Marc was recently in Texas for evaluation when doctors detected the severe defect in his heart and determined that a replacement of his aorta is necessary to save his life.

Several Romulus residents gave blood in an effort to help.

"I have a son too," said Joyce Clay, secretary for the Romulus chief of police. "I would hope that people would help me son if he needed it."

Clay also commended the Grants for the way they have dealt with Marc's condition.

"Mike is a dedicated father; that is obvious."



Mayor Alan Lambert attended the Marc Grant blood drive Oct. 24 to offer his support to the family. Marc and his mom, Jeannine, were in good spirits as many Romulus residents made their way to the blood drive to donate blood.

When it is you child you must find the strength and the stamina to do anything you can to help them and he has shown that."

Tanya Cofield, the temporary activities director at the Romulus Recreation Center also

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Police standoff ends peacefully

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Staff Writer

A 44-year old Romulus woman accused of firing shots from her apartment complex Friday, Oct. 24 was taken into custody after a two-hour standoff with Romulus police officers.

"It was a domestic situation," said Det. Sgt. Mike Smith of the Romulus Police Department.

The woman, whom police suspect was drinking heavily, was arguing with her boyfriend when neighbors and the landlord heard what they believed to be shots fired from the apartment.

The landlord called police when he heard the loud noise.

When police arrived there was a rifle hanging out of a broken window in the apartment. The woman also had a pistol in her possession, police said.

However, police do not believe that she ever actually fired the weapons.

"We think it was her breaking the window out that people heard and mistook for shots," said Smith.

The woman's boyfriend was safe in a police car and watched the event unfold.

The woman climbed out of the

window onto the roof of the building, relinquished both weapons. She talked with police for two hours before she was apprehended by a team of officers who had climbed onto the roof behind her.

Police discovered that she had cut at least one of her wrists during the incident.

"It was a superficial wound," said Smith.

The woman was taken into custody and transported to a local hospital for a 24-hour psychiatric evaluation.

No charges have been filed at this time.

OBITUARIES

THOMPSON, Joseph Edwin
Joseph Edwin Thompson, 56, of Westland, died Oct. 20.
Among his survivors is his wife, Shawn (Gwitt) Thompson; brother, Frank (Judith) Thompson of Garden City, and sisters, Janice (Bill) Fitus of Stanwood, Deborah (Tom) Martin of Canton Township and Pamela (Roger) Jowers of Tennessee.
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Peter Cornell officiating.
Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

BLACKWELL, Larry W.
Larry W. Blackwell, 59, of Sumpter Township, died Oct. 22, at home.
Among his survivors are his wife of 37 years, Brenda J. (Cook) Blackwell; children, Mathew (Dawn) Blackwell of Waynesboro, TN and Carla (Thom) Eggert of Plymouth, sisters, Barbara June (Dan) Brahmar of Belleville and Leva Nell Clements, also of Waynesboro; a brother, Kenneth (Linda) Blackwell, also of Waynesboro; several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews, and seven grandchildren.
Mr. Balckwell served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict and was a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge 934.
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Rick Loyd Locklear officiating.
Entombment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

O'KEEFE, Kathleen JoAnne
Kathleen Joanne O'Keefe, 57, of Wayne, formerly of Belleville, died Oct. 22, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.
Among her survivors are her children, Amber (Sonny) Woodruff of Wayne and Jason (Sherri) Ling of Hudsonville; several nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews, and grandchildren, Justin, Jesse, DeJuan and Katonya.
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Marvin Bechtol officiating.
Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

BENTLEY, Kathyleen
Kathyleen Bentley, 45, of Belleville, died Oct. 22 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.
Among her survivors are her husband of 23 years, Jim R. Bentley; children, Amanda Bentley and Jimmie Bentley, both of Willis; siblings Susan (Ken) Hughes of Hale, Ricky Higgins, Franky Higgins, Tom "JoJo" (Jamie) Higgins, all of Belleville and Tim Higgins of Westland; several nieces and nephews, and a granddaughter, Destinee Cole.
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard J. White officiating.
Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

HURLBURT, Russel L.
Russel L. Hurlburt, 72, of Romulus, died Oct. 20.
Among his survivors are his daughter, Marcia Hurburt of Romulus; sisters, Grace (Bill) Goldsmith of Comins, June Hurlburt of Romulus, Ardith (Dan) Bailey of Rose City and Helen (Robert)

Walton of Webberville, and a grandson, Christopher Hurlburt of Romulus.
Mr. Hurlburt served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was a past president of the Romulus Kiwanis Club.
Funeral services were at Romulus Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Steve Adams officiating.
Interment was at Edwards Township Cemetery in West Branch.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

KIDD, Taylor Raymond
Taylor Raymond Kidd, 75, of Belleville, died Oct. 23, at home.
Among his survivors is his companion of 26 years, Ruth Ann Harris; children, Debora (Jesse) Smith of Belleville, Darrell Kidd of Clarkson and Rita (Ernest) Langford of Pearland, TX; siblings, Maurice (Lydia) Kidd of Indiana, Leonard (Lynette) Kidd of California and Connie (Harold) Braugh of Kentucky; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.
Mr. Kidd served in the U.S. Navy as a seaman during World War II.
Funeral services were at Graceway Baptist Church in Ypsilanti where Mr. Kidd taught Sunday School, with the Rev. James Southward officiating.
Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.
Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

DEVEE, Violet B.
Violet B. DeVee, 72, a 40-year resident of Belleville, died Oct. 24.
Among her survivors are her children, David (Linda) DeVee of Ann Arbor, Debra (Jeffery) Bramlett of Belleville, Duane (Deana) DeVee of Georgia and Robert (Michelle) DeVee of California; siblings Harry R. (Jean) Heistand of Illinois, Betty Ingram of St. Joseph, Robert (Carole) Heistand of Milan and Gerald (Jackie) Heistand of Monroe; 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.
A memorial service was at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

MARSHALL, Stanley George
Stanley George Marshall, 40, of Detroit, died Oct. 5.
Among his survivors are his daughter, Lindsay, his father, John Marshall; brothers, Rodney and Reginald; adopted siblings Karyn, Lee and Raymond, and his companion, Amber.
Mr. Marshall operated Budget Carpet Design, Inc.
He was a member of Prince Hall Lodge 24 and Marracci Temple 13 AEAONMS.
Funeral services were at the Metro Prince Hall Grand Lodge Temple with the Rev. Audry Turner officiating.
Interment was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

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Notice of Street Lighting Special Assessment Hearing

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions by the developer and property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose footage constitutes more than 50 percent of the total footage of the hereinafter described as Visteon Village Street Lighting Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to purchase, construct and maintain street lights and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows: Visteon Village.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township has received a preliminary street lighting layout plan from Detroit Edison indicating 30 street lights to be constructed with an annual operating cost of \$12,776.99. This plan is on file at the Township Clerk's Office and is available for examination and will further be available at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon the proposed street lighting project design and cost will be held at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on November 4, 2003.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Township Clerk Joannie Payne
46425 Tyler Road
Belleville, MI 48111

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Charter Township of Van Buren
Wayne County, Michigan

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions by the developer and property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose footage constitutes more than 50 percent of the total footage of the hereinafter described as Briarwood Estates Street Lighting Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to purchase, construct and maintain street lights and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows: Briarwood Estates Subdivision, Lots 1-53 inclusive.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township has received a preliminary street lighting layout plan from Detroit Edison indicating 10 street lights to be constructed with an annual operating cost of \$2,577.52. This plan is on file at the Township Clerk's Office and is available for examination and will further be available at the public hearing.

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Making strides

Romulus senior citizens help fight against breast cancer

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More than 40,000 men and women nationwide will die of breast cancer this year. Statewide, 7,500 Michigan women will be diagnosed with the disease and 1,400 will die. Statistics like this prompted members of the Romulus Senior Citizens Center to do something to help fight the disease.

They chose to walk in the sixth annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" event Oct. 11 on Belle Isle.

Eight senior citizens from Romulus, five of whom are cancer survivors, put on their walking shoes and made their way to the event with more than \$2,000 of sponsorship money in hand.

"We raised all that money with only eight walkers," said Linda Norman, senior coordinator for the City of Romulus. "That is such an accomplishment alone."

One of the walkers, Alice Gilbert, a 71-year old resident of Romulus, participated in the walk for the first time. Gilbert, a breast cancer survivor herself,

felt that it was an important cause.

"They had a breakfast about a month before the walk to get things started," said Gilbert. "At that breakfast breast cancer survivors talked and told their stories and that was really special."

Norman, who also attended the breakfast said, "It hit home. It makes you realize all the people around you that have or have had some type of cancer and it makes you want to do something to help."

Gilbert, who has degenerative arthritis in her hips, was determined to walk the full 5 miles.

"I had an obligation," said Gilbert. "We have so many people we know that have had their lives touched by cancer in some way. It was important."

When Gilbert began the walk, she tried to stay at a comfortable pace, but by the first water station she began to slow down.

"She was going at such a fast pace," said Norman. "We kept trying to tell her to slow down, but she just kept going."

As Gilbert continued to walk she used two canes to assist her and was cheered on by Boy



Romulus senior citizens joined team Romulus Pride and participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at Belle Isle on Oct. 11. Left to right, front row are, Phyllis Craft, Viola Willoughby, Mildre Qualls, Helen Carroll and Betty Lenossi; in the back row are Mame Barker, Hester Mostolla, Alice Gilbert and Louis Mitchell.

Scouts and Girl Scouts encouraging the walkers from the sidelines.

"I didn't think she was going to make it," said Norman. "She was ringing with sweat."

It was not an easy accomplishment for her, but after two hours she crossed the finish line and felt good about what she had done.

"I had taken that money from my sponsors and I was going to walk across that finish line," said Gilbert. "It was worth it."

All but two of the other seniors made it to the finish line.

"We were really impressed with the cross section of people that showed up for the event,"

said Norman. "There were lots of young people, people with babies, lots of men, but not a lot of seniors."

More than 7,400 survivors, families, friends and co-workers from the Detroit area participated in the event that generated in excess of \$665,000 for breast cancer research and local education and support programs.

"I hope it moves people to get involved to support this cause," said Gilbert. "I really enjoyed it."

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer has been the American Cancer Society rallying cry to raise awareness and dollars to fight breast cancer since 1993. This noncompetitive walk has

quickly become the largest community event in support of breast cancer research in the United States with 400,000 people in 90 cities participated in 2003. To date, the event has generated more than \$104 million, helping to make the American Cancer Society the largest private source of funding for breast cancer research in the world.

"Cancer is not prejudiced," said Norman. "It doesn't care how old you are or what your race or gender are, these people are so supportive of each other and they are there for each other. We hope more people get involved in the walk for next year."

Schools honor retiring health center director

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Diane Vidovic, the program director of the Romulus Adolescent Health Center, was honored by the members of the Romulus Board of Education at the Oct. 27 meeting.

Vidovic recently submitted a letter of resignation to the Oakwood Health System, the administrator of the Romulus Health Center. She said that she has, "decided to take some time to reconstitute before pursuing a new career course," and that she "has enjoyed 12 wonderful and rewarding years at the Romulus Adolescent Center."

The board resolution praised Vidovic for her strong advocacy for teen health services to the children of Romulus and for her

sincere and dedicated service as a social worker, mental health counselor and Adolescent Center Program Director.

The board resolution also commended Vidovic for her extraordinary efforts to keep the center open during the 2001 state budget cuts.

During this time, Vidovic hosted joint school/city Teen Health Forums and asked for help from the Romulus City Council, the Mayor's Drug Task Force and the Romulus Schools.

She additionally hosted local meetings with State Sen. Loren Bennett and Rep. Raymond Basham, organized a rally with Romulus Senior High School students on the Capital steps in Lansing and attended senate appropriations meetings.

The board resolution further



Diane Vidovic

cited Vidovic for her classroom presentations on subjects such as loss and grief, teen depression and healthy lifestyles.

"Diane Vidovic made major contributions to the children of Romulus and will be missed by the entire Romulus educational community," said Dick Kruse, public relations representative for the Romulus Schools.

Man arrested while in dentist's chair

A trip to the dentist turned out to be a worse experience than a local contractor expected when Inkster Police detectives arrested him while he sat in the dental chair.

Forty-three-year-old James Smith, the owner of Metro Heating and Air Conditioning at 33026 Five Mile Road, was taken into custody during a visit to a Canton Township dentist on Cherry Hill and Sheldon Roads after police showed his photo-

graph on television. Smith was wanted for allegedly threatening and defrauding two elderly women after they asked him for an estimate on furnace repairs, according to Inkster Police Det. Anthony Abdallah.

"We were absolutely inundated with calls about (Smith)," he said. "We received a call at 10:30 in the morning from the dentist's office Friday morning. A guy that was in line behind him told us he was there. We said we'd be there

in 15 minutes."

The complainants, whose names are being withheld by police, said they called Smith earlier in the week and asked him to provide an estimate to repair their furnace, Abdallah said. The women told detectives that Smith then went to the basement, came back and attempted to charge them for repairs. The women told Smith they did not ask for repairs and refused to pay him, Abdallah said.

Help - Community donates blood

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made her way down to city hall to give blood.

"Marc's story really touched me," she said. "I am a kid lover and I will help with anything that relates to kids."

Eva Webb, the acting deputy clerk in Romulus made an exception for Marc.

"This is only the second time I have ever given blood in my life," said Webb. "It just touched my heart and if my blood can help at all I am willing to do that for him. You just look at him and you can't help but do anything you can."

Throughout the day, a steady flow of residents donated blood to help the family.

"It is a thank you from the family and the Red Cross for the blood that Marc has used and will use," said Sandra Gool, the

charge nurse at the blood drive from the Red Cross.

The blood that was donated will go to the Red Cross Headquarters to be tested and then shipped to hospitals in Southeastern Michigan.

"People need to realize that one unit of blood can help save the lives of three people," said Gool. "That is a good reason to give blood."

"I think all of these people are a blessing from God," said Jeannine Grant. "I want to thank all of these people for taking time out of their day to come down and donate. It means a lot to all of us."

Marc underwent surgery this week and his condition was not known at the time of publication.

For more information on donating blood or to make an appointment, contact the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

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additional uses on the site would be market driven.

Magna representatives offered to bring in an independent marketing firm, which the city council could chose, to do research regarding the feasibility of future building on the site at specific intervals decided upon by the Romulus City Council and Magna.

If those marketing studies found that a retail phase II should be built and Magna did not build, Magna would then for-

feit the \$1.25 million bond to the city. Additionally, if after 10 years no phase II has been completed, Magna will still forfeit the \$1.25 million bond.

However, Fisher made it quite clear that no action was taken at the September study session, because council cannot take action at these meetings.

The resolution was approved by a 4-2 vote. Councilwoman Debbie Romak and Councilman Charles Miller voted against the resolution. Mayor pro tem Randolph Gear was absent.

Pet's best friend

Volunteer honored for educational work with animals and children

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Bob Thorne of Belleville is a man determined to make a difference.

His mission is to make his community a better place. And one of the many volunteer efforts included in his long list of community service involved helping people better understand the world we live in by understanding animals and being able to live more comfortably with their pets.

Thorne left his position as an executive of the auto industry three years ago to open Petland in Novi, a pet store located inside Twelve Oaks Mall. Soon afterward he began volunteering to bring animals to schools, day care centers and nursing homes to educate people about pet care.

The initiative is called the ABC of Pets Program. It has visited countless cities across the state, including Northville, Southfield, Livonia and Royal Oak. This week, Thorne visited the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit for the first time to bring animals to sick children and their families.

"I purchased the store in order to make a difference for people and pets," Thorne said.

Thorne said when he bought the store he knew that a lot of misunderstanding and fear influences how people treat animals. He often brings a variety of animals with him on trips, such as a puppy, rabbit, snake and a bird, and gives people a chance to touch them and lose their fear.

Many children he meets are afraid of puppies, Thorne said. Often parents will unintentionally install the fear of dogs in children in order to protect them from getting hurt. He said he wants to break the mentality many people have toward animals, such as the idea of getting a rake when a snake is found in the back yard, he said.

"Making a difference for younger children in their social development is very important to me," Thorne said.

Thorne said he used to help his own children get over their fear of insects when they would find a spider on the ceiling. When the children would ask him to kill it he would say, "That's my friend Henry." He then would gently take the spider off the ceiling and say, "Come on Henry. You'll have to go outside for now because the kids are afraid of you." This would help them be less afraid of insects and other animals, Thorne said. He often witnesses children experience the same kind of breakthrough when they pet an animal for the first time, according to Thorne.

Women's Club schedules fashion show

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

The Belleville Business and Professional Women's Club and Sears of Westland will host a "Fashion Frolic" beginning at 6 p.m. at the Woodlands of Van Buren Township. Proceeds from the fashion show will benefit the Community and Education Fund.

Tickets are \$28 each and include cock-

tails and dinner. Cocktails and conversation start at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The fashion show begins at 8 p.m.

To purchase tickets contact Claudia Roullier at (734) 697-8235 or Joyce Rochowiak at (734) 697-7108. The Woodlands of Van Buren is located at 39670 Ecorse Road in Wayne.

For more information contact Raymond Gross at (734) 697-9123, extension 213.

Thorne recently visited Berger Elementary School in Garden City, which is for autistic children. He said he was amazed by how the children responded to the animals.

"It's just amazing to me how the animals get to the kids while other people cannot," Thorne said.

When visiting a school, Thorne said he instructs children on ways to care for their pets in an age-appropriate manner. He offers this same instruction at his pet store. Petland is the only store in Michigan that will spay or neuter a dog or cat bought from the store for free, Thorne said. The store offers socialization and training classes, as well as three free veterinarian visits and 60 days of health care coverage for dogs and cats, he said.

"We're doing community service every day by teaching people about their pets," Thorne said.

Thorne has a long history of community service. He often speaks at Rotary and Kiwanis club meetings as a motivational speaker, and has coached t-ball teams for more than 18 years. Thorne is also very active with the Van Buren School District. He served as a camp counselor for the Belleville High School Marching Band and often helps the band

boosters. He helped lead the millage effort in 1999 to rebuild Rawsonville and Edgemont Elementary schools and to build a media center for Elwell and Haggerty elementary schools. Thorne also participated in the facilities assessment team that helped the district evaluate the needs of its educational facilities.

Thorne said he has helped to raise more than \$1 million for those in need of organ transplants, and is a founding board member of the CAF34 Community Assistance Foundation for the 34th District Court. The program helps struggling families afford prescription medicines needed by their children.

"I'm not a club joiner, but I'm very active in the community," Thorne said.

"There are a lot of people that quietly take care of other people in the community," Thorne said.

Thorne has been honored so far this year with four awards for community service, including a Certificate of Special Recognition from Wayne County Regional Education Service, the Quest Award, and the Belleville Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year. Petland was also named the Retail Store of the Year by the Pet Products News for outstanding community service.

Bob Thorne of Belleville poses with some of his beloved pets. Thorne, owner of Petland in Novi, travels to different schools, nursing homes and day care centers to educate people about pets. He has been recognized by several organizations for his commitment to community service.



NOTICE

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2003

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in conformity with the "Michigan Election Laws" that I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Romulus, will upon any day except Sunday, a legal holiday and the day of any regular or special election, receive application for registration from any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the day of the CLOSE of registration for the General Election and the day of such election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT registrations will be taken at the Secretary of State Branch Offices, or in the Office of the City Clerk, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan between the hours of:

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER WILL BE:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2003
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION AND REGISTERING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the City of Romulus at the time of registration, and entitled under the constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered in the registration book

Each person registering must possess the following qualifications:

1. Must be a citizen of the United States.
2. Must be 18 years of age on, or before November 3, 2003.
3. Must be a resident of the State of Michigan for at least 30 days and a resident of the City, of Romulus.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following two proposals:

PROPOSAL - 1

Shall the City of Romulus allow casino gaming within the corporate limits of the City of Romulus, in accordance with the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act 1997 Public Act 69 and/or the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act?

YES _____ NO _____

PROPOSAL - 2

Shall the City of Romulus allow horse racing, the attendant pari-mutuel wagering, and other gaming within the corporate limits of the City of Romulus in accordance with the Horse Racing Law of 1995, 1995 Public Act 279?

YES _____ NO _____

Public notice is hereby given is provided for in Section 168.653a of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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OPINION

Our choices are In the City of Wayne

Voters in the City of Wayne face a difficult choice on Tuesday, when they'll select the city council members for the next several years.

It promises to be a difficult time for the city as officials grapple with the possibility of reduced state shared revenue and increased cutbacks that a declining income would mandate. The decisions made during the next few years probably won't be easy ones and they won't be universally popular.

That's why it's encouraging to see such a strong pool of candidates. Voters will have a choice of five solid candidates for city council, in Bob Dickerson, Don Hartford, Ed McMurray, Susan Rowe and Beverly Shackelford, and two for mayor in Abdul "Al" Haidous and James Netter, candidates that range from incumbents to new faces to vocal critics and long-time activists.

We think the best choices for the three open city seats are incumbents **Don Hartford** and **Bob Dickerson** along with relative newcomer **Susan Rowe**. **Abdul "Al" Haidous** has earned the right to continue as mayor.

It wasn't an easy choice for city council. Each candidate brings something unique to the table and all are qualified in their way. We like McMurray's dedicated involvement in volunteer activities before he got involved in politics. He has shown a deep knowledge of and caring for the community through his involvement with the Friends: People helping People project. He would also be a strong voice for the neighborhoods south of Michigan Avenue, where he lives.

Likewise, Shackelford has been a solid, if silent, presence on the council and would no doubt serve the community well if re-elected.

Hartford is in some ways a political newcomer: Appointed to the council last year, he still has a fresh perspective on Wayne politics. He is clearly dedicated to the city, though. We like his ideas to promote a walkable downtown and to encourage homeowners to upgrade their homes by providing incentives from the city and through tighter use of the blight ordinance. His work with the Junior Civitans and Special Olympics shows that he can work with a wide variety of citizenry. It's our hope that he'll feel more comfortable speaking his mind on the dais after the voters put him there, because we know he has plenty of good ideas.

Dickerson is a seasoned voice on the council, despite his relative

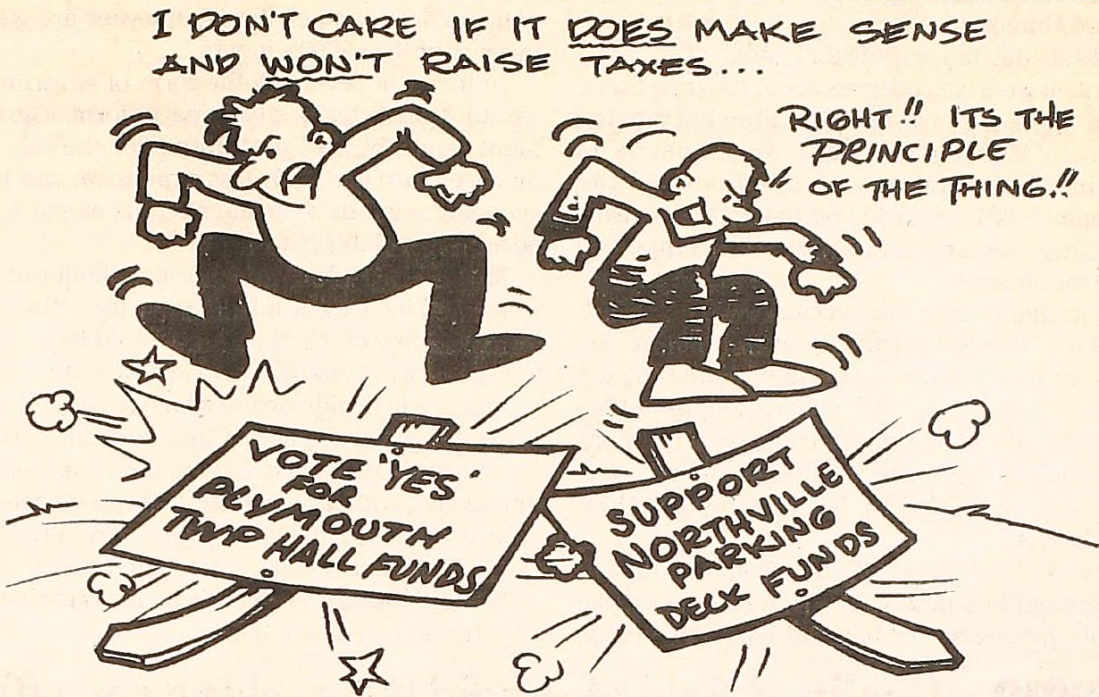
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In the City of Inkster

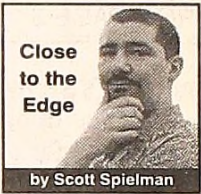
On Nov. 4, Inkster voters will be asked to vote on a comprehensive revision to the city charter. If voters approve such a revision, nine of the 12 people seeking terms on a new charter commission will be responsible for conducting research to formulate an updated charter. In an ideal world, the end result would provide the city with a modernized blueprint by which government is operated – a guideline by which municipal business is conducted.

Much has been made about the possible impact of such changes to the charter: According to several of the commission candidates, the conversion from a council-city manager form of government to a "strong mayor" seems to be the main issue nine members of a charter commission would determine. Several candidates have expressed, in private, uncertainty regarding the motivation of the

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City needs plan, not map



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

In many ways the Cool Cities Initiative proposed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and undertaken by about 60 cities throughout the state is about momentum.

It's a difficult budget time for nearly everyone, and it's a good way to brainstorm ideas and have projects poised to move forward when the economy rebounds or to help it rebound.

Cities need momentum.

The City of Wayne has been gathering momentum for several years, although the budget constraints of last year put it slightly into check. Word is spreading about the town, though, and more and more people have expressed an interest and put forth ideas to help transform the city into the vibrant place it can be. Downtown revitalization is a word that has been bandied about for decades – almost since the urban renewal project turned Michigan Avenue into a highway and separated the downtown area into the current state – and it's slowly taking shape.

The Cool Cities Task Force in Wayne managed to keep the momentum, even though a week went by between meetings. When we all got together again last Wednesday, the same spark was there; people expounded on their previous ideas, added more and moved forward.

They even managed to keep their momentum despite the arrival and brief – for him – speech of State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) who stopped by on another map-distributing errand and talked

about all the events at which he'll be the keynote speaker. At least I think that's what he talked about. I recorded it, but even when I listened to it later I couldn't make heads or tails of it. Maybe I was just tired.

Don't get me wrong, I appreciate a state official who visits his district and such. It's just that this was supposed to be a local initiative, something that came from the residents as a way to get more people involved in their community. The last thing I, or many of the other people in the room, wanted to hear was rambling, barely coherent pre-re-election campaign rhetoric from a person I never associate with the word 'cool.'

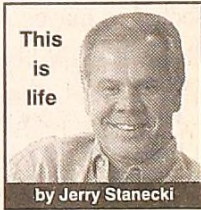
But I digress.

The question now, since the task force has wrapped up discussions and come up with so many ideas that city staffers will be hard pressed just to condense them into something for presentation to the Wayne City Council, is where will the momentum take us?

If there's one direction I would hope, one thing that would come out of the task force, it's that the City of Wayne should revisit and update their master plan.

I was appalled to learn that that hadn't happened since the 1970s and surprised that none of the candidates for council brought it up during their campaigns. That's the best thing they can do to help keep the momentum going – develop a plan to get us there.

Life requires a little respect



This is life

by Jerry Stanecki

Warner Jolly was the oldest brother, Gary the youngest. Two wild and crazy guys long before Steve Martin created the comedy skit on *Saturday Night Live*.

It was the 1960s and the Jolly boys held court at a suburban Milwaukee cocktail lounge and restaurant named—of course, 'Jolly's.' It was a joint like 'Cheers' where the regulars told jokes and stories, drank, gambled and laughed at lot.

I was reminded of life—and death—on a recent visit home.

Woody Welch and I worked as disc jockeys at WISN Radio, just down a country road from Jolly's. Pretty much each evening we'd stop for a pop.

I can still see Warner, all 5-feet, 6-inches of roly-poly, rowdy man slamming an empty shot glass on the bar and laughing insanely as he wiped a dribble of whiskey from his chin. He'd yell something about life being great and pour another.

"You're gonna' die of cirrhosis of the liver," someone would inevitably say, and Warner'd always reply that by the time he was 40, they'd have an artificial liver to transplant.

I can't remember if Warner made it to 40 years old. If he did, he wasn't much past 40 when he died.

The preciousness of life has a price.

It was an interesting family, the Jolly family. . .kind of bizarre really. The father, Al—after tipping one too many toddies— missed a turn and rolled his new Cadillac a few times through a field.

Al struggled free from the wreckage—just before it blew up—(kidding) and walked a mile or so back to the bar. Warner and Gary thought it was hilarious.

The real claim to fame for the Jolly family came when Jayne Mansfield a voluptuous, platinum blonde movie star came to Milwaukee.

A tragedy occurred one blustery afternoon. The buxom bombshell's dog died. The only pet cemetery around in those days was Thistlerose run by Eleanor Jolly. Poochie, or whatever the mutt's name was, was planted and the wake was held at the lounge. A good time was had by all. . .except Poochie, of course.

Gary was wilder than Warner when it came to trying new and dangerous things. He started flying

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Charter - Revision is best decision for entire city

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driving force behind the push for a revision, Mayor Hilliard Hampton.

Let's set the mayor aside for a moment. Though we have concerns about the time frame available to explore revising the charter (the Michigan Municipal League recommends 18 months; there are only 10 months until the September 2004 primary) and the cost of revising the charter, we are lending tentative support to revise the charter.

Some charter commission candidates have stated publicly that the existing charter is holding the city back; that it is outdated. After examining the charter, it's clear that it is nowhere near as outdated as some would like voters to believe. Provisions are in place to make sure a council member represents each area of the city because they are elected by district.

It prohibits elected officials from conducting professional business with city entities to make sure bid processes are fair and equitable. Those

are protections that should be included in any charter.

Still, one has to wonder how some retired police officers and civilian employees are getting by on as little as \$600 a month.

In terms of reversing the form of government, we still believe that a strong mayor form of government would be cost prohibitive for the city. City managers are generally less expensive; and if the economy remains stagnant, a strong mayor would be an unjustifiable expense.

Most cities revise their charters about every 25 years, and the City of Inkster owes the citizenry at least a review of the charter. It would be arrogant to expect city residents to live in a vacuum.

Voters will decide on the whole revision in 2004. It's in everybody's interest that political interests be set aside. We're also hoping the commission if impaneled, will put a cap \$25,000 cap on commission expenditures. Two years ago, Ypsilanti revised their charter at a cost of only \$18,000.

We urge citizens to vote yes on the question of a city charter revision in Inkster.

Wayne - Qualified field of candidates seeking city office

FROM PAGE 5

youth. He's served for 12 years and accomplished many of the things he set out to do when he first campaigned for office at the tender age of 26. His leadership is still an important facet of city politics, too. There are times when the board as a whole seems to hesitate and it's only the opinion or action of Dickerson or Councilman Tom Kelly who get things moving again. It's clear that the other council members are more comfortable with their own decisions after they hear his input. He will no doubt continue to serve the community well.

We do have a concern with his performance, though. His daytime job as a deputy chief in the Wayne County Sheriff Department is a time-consuming one that has translated into a few absences at city meetings. We hope to see him attend the meetings more regularly, as has been the case recently.

Rowe earned our endorsement because of her experience in politics in Madison Heights as well as her willingness to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals in Wayne, arguably one of the most thankless roles in local municipal government. We like her approach to that role, with her willingness to go out to the various sites and get a real feel for the issues involved before she makes her decisions. We hope it will translate well to her role on the city council. A relative newcomer to the city, she has plenty of history to draw on through her husband, Ed, a former city councilman. We also think her position in the government relations department at the University of Michigan in Dearborn will be a good match for the council, too.

Haidous for Mayor

Abdul "Al" Haidous has earned the right to be re-elected as mayor. A resident for more than 30 years, he has a deep love of the community and its residents.

Haidous is passionate about his town and efforts to revitalize it, a project that has been admittedly slow going. We like his willingness to listen to resi-

dents, no matter how critical they may be. We like his openness and accessibility, and his acknowledgment that the politicians, staff and residents all need to work together to make the city a better place. He has helped foster development in the downtown area through residential developments, which he thinks is the key to downtown revitalization and he has provided a strong voice as the city tried to maintain services through severe budget cuts. He will continue to be a good ambassador for the City of Wayne.

Netter has been low key throughout the election season, but he has paid attention to the issues. He has some good ideas - like the formation of a Human Relations Committee to look into the handling of 'hate crimes' and citizen complaints against the police department. He's quick to point out apparent inconsistencies with the budget situation, like the fact that the city had to take up a collection

for the fireworks display and then mention that the council gave themselves a \$500 raise in April, 2002 and authorized an pay increase for the city manager. But he doesn't point out that the council voted to forgo their salary altogether and negotiate with unions for pay freezes that saved jobs and cut costs. His literature, dated Oct. 13, is signed 'Your New Mayor,' even though the election is still days away. Netter has long been a vocal critic of the city, and we think that's a better role for him than mayor.

The city needs strong voices and good decisions from its elected officials.

We think those would come from Don Hartford, Bob Dickerson, Susan Rowe and Abdul "Al" Haidous.

Life - Respect is required

FROM PAGE 5

lessons and was extremely impatient. He finally had enough hours in, got his license and bought a single-engine light plane. It was not much of a plane; it was like a homemade job.

"You wanna' go up?" Gary asked me one spring day.

"Sure," I said, always looking for an edge.

The day turned cloudy and cool winds came up. We landed at a small airport to refuel and check weather since there was no radio in the plane. As we walked into the small office, I overheard a couple of guys talking.

"I can't believe someone is crazy enough to be flying that on a day like this," one guy said referring to the plane we'd just arrived in. Looking outside, I saw a guy hanging onto a rope attached to the plane, which was doing it's best to blow away. Gary started laughing.

By the grace of God, we made it home.

I stopped at Jolly's one afternoon not too many months later. Janice, a waitress, was crying.

"Gary's dead," she sobbed. "Killed . . . plane crashed."

Fearless Gary should have been more fearful. Respecting healthy fear makes a person more careful.

He'd landed in a field next to his parents' house, visited a bit and started to take off. A wind sheer (gust) knocked him from the sky and he died, a metal rod through the 18-inch neck he was so proud of.

He died as his mother watched. . . died right there at Thistlerose Pet Cemetery, a few yards from where Jayne Mansfield dog was buried.

Life: It is a gift to be respected.

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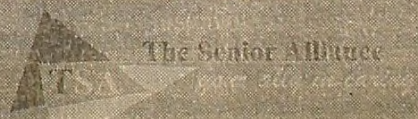
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2003

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Interim Public Safety Director Smolen, Environmental Director Swallow, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty (20).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as amended moving the Growth Works Presentation to follow the “Approval of Agenda”. Carried.

Growth Works representatives gave a presentation of the Wayne County Delinquency Program as it relates to youth in Van Buren Township and Western Wayne County. The chairman of the Juvenile Justice Program and Belleville Mayor Tom Fielder discussed the importance of this program.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to open the public hearing to consider the 2003 Amended General Fund Budget and the 2004 Proposed General Fund Budget. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing stating the Charter Township Act requires charter townships to have an approved, balanced budget for the next fiscal year prior to November 1st and that the budget presented is a balanced budget. Supervisor King further stated the budget process takes six months beginning in June, with Treasurer Budd notifying all Department Directors to start compiling necessary documents for amendments to the current year budget and to prepare for the next fiscal year budget that begins in January. Treasurer Budd thanked the Directors and the Board for their efforts in preparing the 2003 Amended and 2004 Proposed General Fund Budgets. She stated the Budget before the Board is balanced and expenditures for the 2003 Amended Budget are \$10,236,794 and the 2004 Proposed expenditures are \$10,832,260. Treasurer Budd requested that items A-F outlined in her memo dated October 8, 2003, be a part of the motion for the budget approval.

Supervisor King stated the 2003 General Fund budget was originally set at \$10,553,539 and the current amended 2003 budget is set at \$10,236,794. The proposed 2004 General Fund budget reflects a five percent increase and is set at \$10,832,260. The budget reflects allocating 34% of the General Fund Revenue for Public Safety services, which include Police, Fire, Emergency Dispatch, Emergency Management and Animal Control. The budget includes revenue streams such as the property taxes homeowners pay to the township, excluding the 6 mills for water and sewer debt. Tax revenue is budgeted at \$629,000 for 2003, and \$682,000 for 2004. This tax revenue is used for general operations of the Township. In addition, Supervisor King reviewed other revenue streams as follows: Public Safety Revenue generated from the 3-mill renewal of the Public Safety Millage is \$1.9 million for 2003 and \$2.2 million for 2004. State Shared Revenue amounts are to be reduced by 7 percent in the 2003 budget and a 9 percent reduction is budgeted for 2004 due to declining revenues from the State of Michigan. The Parks and Recreation revenue lines have increased to over \$100,000. Supervisor King noted Fund Balance provides an additional revenue stream with transfers of \$493,000 from the Reserved Fund Balance, \$755,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance and a transfer \$2 million from the Landfill Fund for the 2004 proposed budget. The budget sets forth line items for expenditures for each department and explanations of designated fund balance. She further stated wage increases for salaried employees are set at 3 percent for 2004. Supervisor King discussed the Public Safety Department goals and objectives and the department’s funding sources, which include setting aside 33.6% of General Fund Revenue; 50% of the guaranteed landfill gate yard fees and the Public Safety Millage. Public Safety comprises about 46% of the entire General Fund Budget.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Herman moved, Payne seconded to open the public hearing to consider the 2003 Amended Special Revenue Fund Budgets and the 2004 Proposed Special Revenue Fund Budgets. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Treasurer Budd for an explanation. Treasurer Budd stated the following are the Special Revenue Funds: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Downtown Development Authority (DDA), French Landing Improvement Project, Capital Improvement Fund, Federal Forfeiture Fund, State Forfeiture Fund, Landfill Fund, Belleville Area Museum, E-911 Service Fund, Hannan Road Special Assessment District and Bemis Road Special Assessment District. The French Landing Improvement Project has been completed and has a balance of \$15,000 and suggested this balance be transferred into the General Fund. In addition, she stated the Hannan Road Special Assessment District has been completed and has a balance of \$1,200 and suggested this balance also be transferred into the General Fund. Treasurer Budd requested that items A through D as noted in her October 8th memo be referenced in any motion made regarding the budgets. They are: revenue in excess of expenditures shall revert to Fund Balance; fiscal year items not expensed and those not specifically reserved will revert to net income; adoption of the Budget is by department total and finally the October 21, 2003, approval supersedes prior resolutions.

Supervisor King stated the estimated 2004 Capital Improvement Fund Balance is \$400,000. State and Federal Forfeiture Funds are tied to Public Safety and state and federal law restrict their uses. The Museum Fund began with three communities Van Buren Township, City of Belleville and Sumpter Township and noted that Sumpter Township has not provided funding for some time and this is affecting the fund balance.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Carried

MINUTES: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of October 6, 2003, as presented. Carried.

Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Executive Board Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2003. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 7, 2003, as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE: Interim Public Safety Director Smolen introduced new police officer Amy Naif.

First Step, a Western Wayne County Project on domestic and sexual violence will hold their “First Annual Take Back the Night Rally” on October 22nd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus.

A thank you letter from a resident regarding the recently completed Venetian and DeWitt storm water improvement project.

A letter from Occidental Development thanking the Public Safety Department for their assistance at Westlake Apartments and requesting the name of a charitable cause to which a donation may be given on behalf of the Public Safety Department. The Public Safety Department requested the Van Buren Area Goodfellows receive the donation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the 2003 Amended General Fund Budget as outlined in Treasurer Budd’s memo dated October 8, 2003, noting items A through F inclusive. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the 2004 Proposed General Fund Budget as outlined in Treasurer Budd’s memo dated October 8, 2003, noting items A through F inclusive and the revised salaried wage schedule dated October 21, 2003. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the 2003 Amended Special Revenue Fund Budgets [CDBG, DDA, French Landing Improvement Project, Capital Improvement Fund, Federal Forfeiture Fund, State Forfeiture Fund, Landfill Fund, Belleville Area Museum, 911 Service Fund, Hannan Road Special Assessment District and Bemis Road Special Assessment District], as outlined in Treasurer Budd’s memo dated October 8, 2003, noting items A through D inclusive. Carried.

Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the 2004 Proposed Special Revenue Fund Budgets [CDBG, DDA, French Landing Improvement Project, Capital Improvement Fund, Federal Forfeiture Fund, State Forfeiture Fund, Landfill Fund, Belleville Area Museum, 911 Service Fund, Hannan Road Special Assessment District and Bemis Road Special Assessment District], as outlined in Treasurer Budd’s memo dated October 8, 2003, noting items A through D inclusive and specifically noting the French Landing Improvement Project and Hannan Road Special Assessment District excess funds be transferred to the General Fund. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Amended 2003 Water & Sewer Fund Budget (Budget Amendment #1) and the Proposed 2004 Water & Sewer Fund Budget. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2003-38 approving the Water and Sewer Department Schedule of Rates effective January 1, 2004, as recommended by the Water and Sewer Commission. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to authorize the Fire Department to seek vendor bids for two (2) new “Class A” pumping fire engines. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the specifications for improvement of the existing maintenance drive and riprap slope stabilization of existing earthen embankment at the French Landing Dam; and to award the contract to Blue Ribbon Contracting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,000. Carried.

Payne moved, Herman seconded to approve the proposal from Wade-Trim Associates, Inc. dated October 3, 2003 to provide professional engineering services for the Greenways Trail project in an amount not to exceed \$13,300. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to approve the Rouge River Watershed Local Management Assembly Memorandum of Agreement, to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement and to approve payment of Van Buren Township’s portion of the Rouge Assembly Assessment in the amount of \$6,347. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Tilton & Associates, Inc. for the Interpretive Wetland Recreational Trails project at the Visteon site, pending final review by legal council and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Tilton & Associates, Inc. for the Lake Fringe Wetlands project at the Visteon site, pending final review by legal council and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the combination of parcels V125-83-018-01-0012-000 (lot 12, Denton Homes Sub), V125-83-018-01-0013-000 (lot 13, Denton Homes Sub), V125-83-018-01-0014-000 (lot 14, Denton Homes Sub), V125-83-018-01-0015-000 (lot 15, Denton Homes Sub), V125-83-018-01-0030-300 (lots 30 and 31, Denton Homes Sub), V125-83-018-01-0032-000 (lot 32, Denton Homes Sub) and V125-83-018-01-0033-000 (lot 33, Denton Homes Sub) specifically noting items one through six of the Parcel Division Board’s memorandum dated October 14, 2003. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to adopt Resolution 2003-39 the storm water maintenance agreement between the Township and Walden Woods Development, L.L.C. for Walden Woods Subdivision Phase III and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Babysitting workshop offered at Romulus library

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

The Romulus Public Library began a series of babysitting workshops last Thursday.

The eight-week course will continue from 6 until 8 p.m. each Thursday and will provide children and young adults the knowledge to be successful babysitters.

Nancy Lambert, the instructor will give participants a wide view of child development in order to better prepare them for any situation that may arise.

"We want the kids to be prepared and have the knowledge to deal with situations that come up while babysitting," said Lambert. "Kids need to know kids."

Last week, the class dealt with expectations and interviews. Class members discussed their expectations of babysitting and Lambert explained the expectations parents have of them. Students also participated in a mock interview process. Lambert explained and prepared the youngsters for interviewing for a babysitting job.

Tonight, the class will discuss infant and toddler development. Lambert will stress what children of this age are able to do, both mentally and physically. She will go through the developmental stages and detail different activities that children of this age are able to perform.

Next week, the class will focus on preschool and school age children. Again, stressing the developmental capabilities of children at this age.

The fourth week will spotlight the basic needs of children of any age.

"Things such as bathing, feeding and sleep schedules," said Lambert. "These things are obviously very important when babysitting."

In the fifth week, the police and fire department will attend the class to provide information on safety issues.

The sixth week brings the issue of discipline. Lambert is very strict on this topic.

There are only three stages a babysitters can take ... Avoidance, distraction and time-out.

"There are only three stages a babysitters can take in discipline," said Lambert. "Avoidance, distraction and time-out."

Lambert will teach the class that they should avoid situations where children might find trouble, for example don't leave the candy sitting on the table where the child could reach it. Distraction involves simply finding something else to interest the child. The final stage of time-out allows the child to consider their actions.

In the seventh week, the class members will create their own book to bring to homes where they are babysitting to entertain small children.

"The book has something fuzzy, shiny, prickly, etc.," said Lambert. "It is also a make-up week, so if there is anything the kids don't understand, I can explain it further."

The final week is the test to see how much the participants have learned throughout the course.

"This week, the class will run it by themselves and I will observe," said Lambert. "They will bring a child with them to class and entertain that child for the duration of the class. It is lots of fun."

At the end of the course, participants will receive a certificate stating that they completed the course.

"It is great to train kids and it is nice for them to know what to do if something should happen while they are babysitting," said Preet Samra, youth services librarian at the Romulus Public Library.

It is recommended that children in the course be at least in the sixth grade. Registration is required and there is a \$5 fee.

For more information contact the library at (734) 942-7589.

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Jahr moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2003-40 the storm water maintenance agreement between the Township and Walden Woods Development, L.L.C. for Walden Woods Subdivision Phase IV and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the October 21, 2003 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: On Saturday, October 25th the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Craft Show at Belleville High School from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The "Annual Trick or Treat" at the Township Hall will be held on Thursday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m.

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive on Friday, October 24th at the First United Methodist Church from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, November 12th the Belleville Professional Women will be hosting their annual Fashion Show at the Woodlands of Van Buren.

Director Smolen reminded everyone to turn their clocks back one hour on Saturday, October 25th and to change the batteries in their smoke detectors.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Carried.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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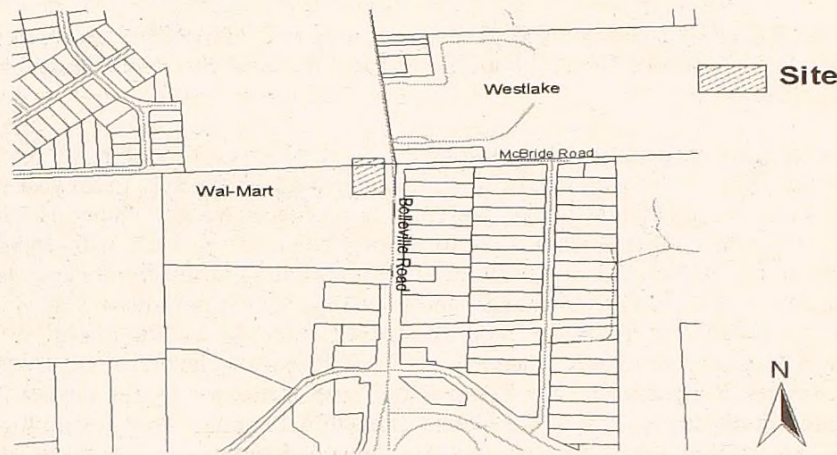
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on Tuesday, November 4, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. to consider Special Use approval for a Tim Horton's drive thru on the following described property:

This Public Hearing relates to approximately .79 acres, parcel numbers V125-83-064-99-0005-715.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on Belleville Road on the Wal-Mart Outlot north of Applebee's Restaurant.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

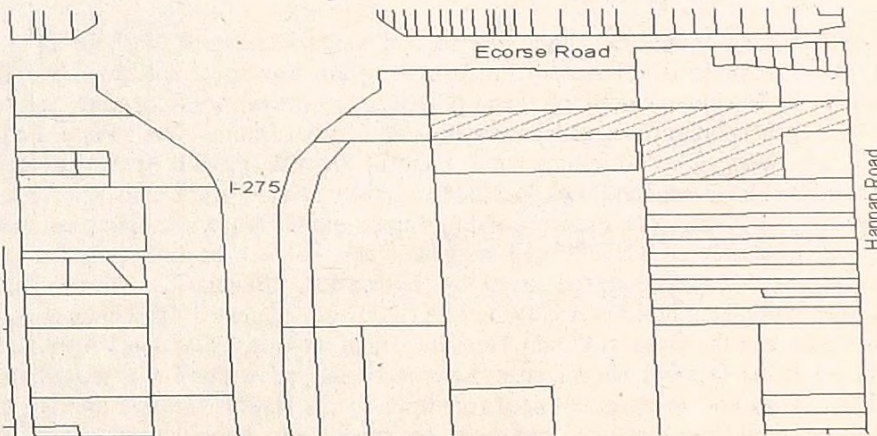
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This Public Hearing relates to approximately 12.9 acres, parcel numbers V125-83-045-99-0006-0022-000.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located adjacent to the Visteon Property which is west of Hannan Road south of Ecorse Road.

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Spotlight Players to feature local politicians

Want to see your state representative or township supervisor in a whole new “role?”

Several local political leaders will be taking to the stage for cameo appearances during The Spotlight Players production of Neil Simon’s *The Odd Couple* at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township, beginning next week. The Summit is located at 46000 Summit Parkway, west of Canton Center Road and south of Cherry Hill.

This is the first attempt of the amateur theater group at dinner theater. They decided to try something new following their recent move from Plymouth to Canton, said Spotlight Players Board Member Mary Lynn Kuna.

“People at Canton Township asked us to do dinner theater to...expose the community to it,” she said.

Formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, the Players will present dinner theater performances Friday through Sunday Nov. 7, 8, 9 as well as Nov. 14, 15, 16. Each ticket includes admission to the play, and an “Italian Feast” preceding the show. The dinners will feature Caesar salad, linguine and Alfredo sauce, spaghetti and meat sauce, Italian sausage and meatballs, and cannoli.

The players have decided to enlist a little help from their friends to add to the entertainment. Local dignitaries are slated to make cameo appearances during the run of the play.

The first weekend will feature Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, 21st District State Rep. Phil LaJoy, and 35th District Court Judge Mike Gerou. The weekend of Nov. 14, Dr. Jim Gillig of the Canton Library board, Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo, and Plymouth-Canton School Superintendent Jim Ryan will each make a brief stage appearance.

Kuna credits Yack for the cameos, saying that he came up with the idea, contacted people, and made the arrangements as a way of helping the theater group gain visibility within the community.

Friday and Saturday shows start seating at 7 p.m, with dinner service at 7:30 p.m. The curtain goes up and the play begins at 8:30 p.m. For the Sunday matinee, seating begins at 1 p.m, lunch at 1:30 p.m, and the performance begins at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$30 and must be purchased in advance, allowing for the correct ordering of food. Kuna said that no more than five tickets would be available at the door.

“We strongly urge people to order tickets in advance,” said Kuna.

The show, directed by Barbara Bloom of Canton and produced by Julie Norback of Plymouth, features Sean Paraventi of Dearborn Heights and Jeff Trudeau of Southfield in the title roles. Players from Plymouth, Canton, Northville, and Livonia round out the cast.

Kuna said the group is excited about the move, and said she is touched by both how helpful the staff of the Summit has been in offering them performance space, and in how much support the players are receiving from the community.

“There’s so much obvious support for bringing community theater into the Canton area,” said Kuna.

For further information or to purchase tickets, visit the Spotlight Players web site at www.spotlightplayers.net, or call the Summit at (734) 394-5460.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BIDS REQUESTED

Sealed bids for the purchase of two (2) “Class A” Pumping Fire Engines will be received in the Clerk’s Office of the Charter Township of Van Buren until 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time), Thursday, November 13, 2003.

Bid packets (including specifications) are available at the Van Buren Township Clerk’s Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Twp., MI 48111 during normal business hours. Van Buren Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, is not required to accept the low bid and, may waive any irregularities in same and, in general to make award in any manner deemed by it, in its sole discretion to be in the best interest of the Township

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the purchase of two (2) 2004 Class A Pumping Fire Engines will be received in the Clerk’s Office of the Charter Township of Van Buren until 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) Thursday, November 13, 2003. Under no circumstances will any bids be accepted after the 2:00 p.m. deadline. The bids will be publicly opened and read in the Township Municipal Center, Denton Room by the office of the Township Clerk at 2:15 p.m.

BID DELIVERY

Bids must be delivered in person or sent by mail to the address indicated below. Bids will not be accepted after the date and time designated for the opening of the bids. The bidder shall assume full responsibility for the delivery of bids prior to the appointed time and transmission thereof. Bids shall be accepted any time prior to the deadline, during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time), Monday through Friday, legal holidays excepted.

All bids shall be sealed and submitted according to the instructions.

DEADLINE FOR BIDS

Two (2) copies of the sealed bid is due no later than 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time), on Thursday, November 13, 2003, addressed as follows:

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Belleville, MI 48111

For further information, please contact Acting Public Safety Director Allen Smolen at (734) 699-8930.

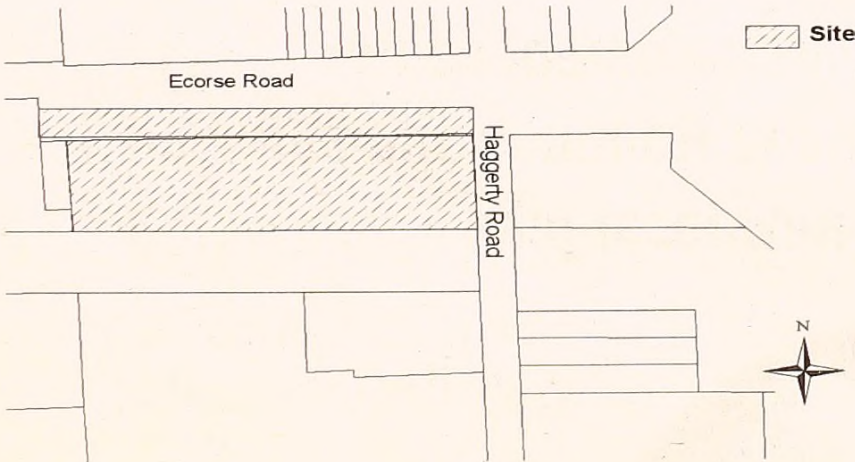
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

This Public Hearing relates to approximately 10.95 acres, parcel numbers V125-83-041-99-0001-714 and V125-83-041-99-0001-001.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the south side of Ecorse Road between Morton Taylor Road and Haggerty Road.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

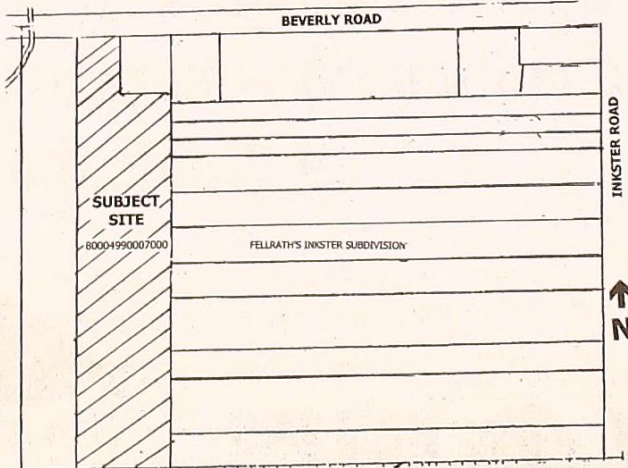
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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2003, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

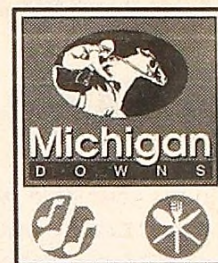
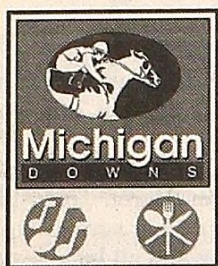
The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to rezone approximately 7.73+- acres, (28035 Beverly, Romulus, Michigan), DP# 82-80-004-99-0007-000 from M-1, Light Industrial District to MT-2, Industrial Transportation 2 District. The parcel is located on the south side of Beverly Road, between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, November 17, 2003, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Three-year-old Ken Dada learned last week that he is an absolutely normal little boy, with 20 perfect baby teeth lined up like little soldiers.

Dada learned this about a half hour after the big, pearly white truck stopped in front of Stottlemeyer Elementary School in Westland last Wednesday. He, and about 30 other 3-year-old Headstart students, survived their first trip on board the Wayne County Health Department Mobile Dental Unit.

Started six ago when David Repasky, DDS, and the Wayne County Dental Program retained grant funding to convert an underutilized immunization van into a traveling dental office, the Mobile Dental Unit serves children whose parents might not have the resources to schedule regular dental visits for their children. The van is equipped with everything found in a modern office.

Repasky said the Mobile Dental Unit fills a gap with which many parents with children enrolled in Headstart struggle — even if they have dental insurance, regular

dental visits often get pushed to the bottom of the to-do list.

“There are a lot of reasons parents might not take their child to the dentist when they’re this age (3 or 4 years old),” Repasky said. “Transportation is often a problem. Parents sometimes also figure that these are all baby teeth that will be lost anyway. What they might not realize is that the baby teeth are there to make sure permanent teeth come in properly.”

If time and transportation are problems, accessibility is another, Repasky said.

“There just aren’t that many dentists that take Medicaid because of the low reimbursement rate,” he said. “It works differently for dentists than it does for doctors. A dentist might only see about one-third of what the cost (of treatment) would be to a patient. Often times for a dentist, it’s just not cost-effective (to accept Medicaid).”

A report released by the surgeon general indicated that 108 million people are without dental insurance — and uninsured children are two times as likely to receive dental care than insured children.

The Mobile Dental Unit makes anywhere from three to five visits a

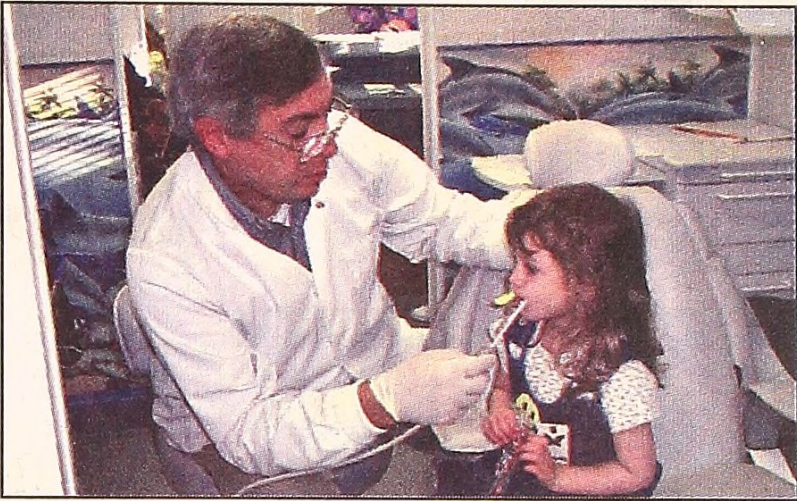
week to schools with Headstart programs in Wayne County (excluding Detroit, because the city has its own health department). Typically, the dentist and two assistants, Karen Dolecki and Barbara Boyer, will see about 30 children during a day-long visit, Repasky said.

The van will also travel to special events in Wayne County, Repasky said. The health department maintains dental records.

Each student receives a dental exam, which Repasky calls “counting their teeth,” a cleaning and a fluoride treatment. The fluoride treatment some in three flavors — grape, raspberry and bubblegum, the overwhelming favorite among the 3-year-old set.

Because a trip to the Mobile Dental Unit is often times a child’s first trip to the dentist, Repasky makes special pains to ensure it’s a good experience. He explains to each child exactly what will happen at every stage of treatment, and gives them some control by letting them hold dental instruments. Dolecki said this helps demystify the some fears among the young patients.

“Sometimes, the children will be scared at first, but will eventual-



Dr. David Repasky, the director of the Wayne County Dental Program, examines the baby teeth of 3-year-old Headstart student Shauna Clark during the Mobile Dental Unit last visit to Stottlemeyer Elementary School in Westland.

ly relax. It definitely helps to include them as much as possible.”

If the child has a cavity or other dental issue, the dentist has the child’s parents follow up at one of the Health Department three local offices. The most common problem Repasky sees in his travels is baby-bottle tooth decay — a problem that occurs when parents let children drink juice out of a bottle after age 1.

The “mobile” part of the dental unit makes it very convenient for schools with Headstart programs to meet the state-mandated requirement of providing one dental visit a year for students.

“There are other mobile dental units in town, but we like (Repasky and his staff) the best because they seem to have way with the chil-

dren,” said Diane Hellenga, the Headstart health and nutrition coordinator at Stottlemeyer Elementary School.

“Because of the kids’ ages, this is likely their first trip to the dentist. There is some fear involved, but you should see how calm the kids are (when they’re in Repasky’s care).”

Repasky said the most important aspect of the Mobile Dental Unit besides providing dental care to children who might not otherwise see a dentist is helping the children relate to a dentist in a way not based on fear.

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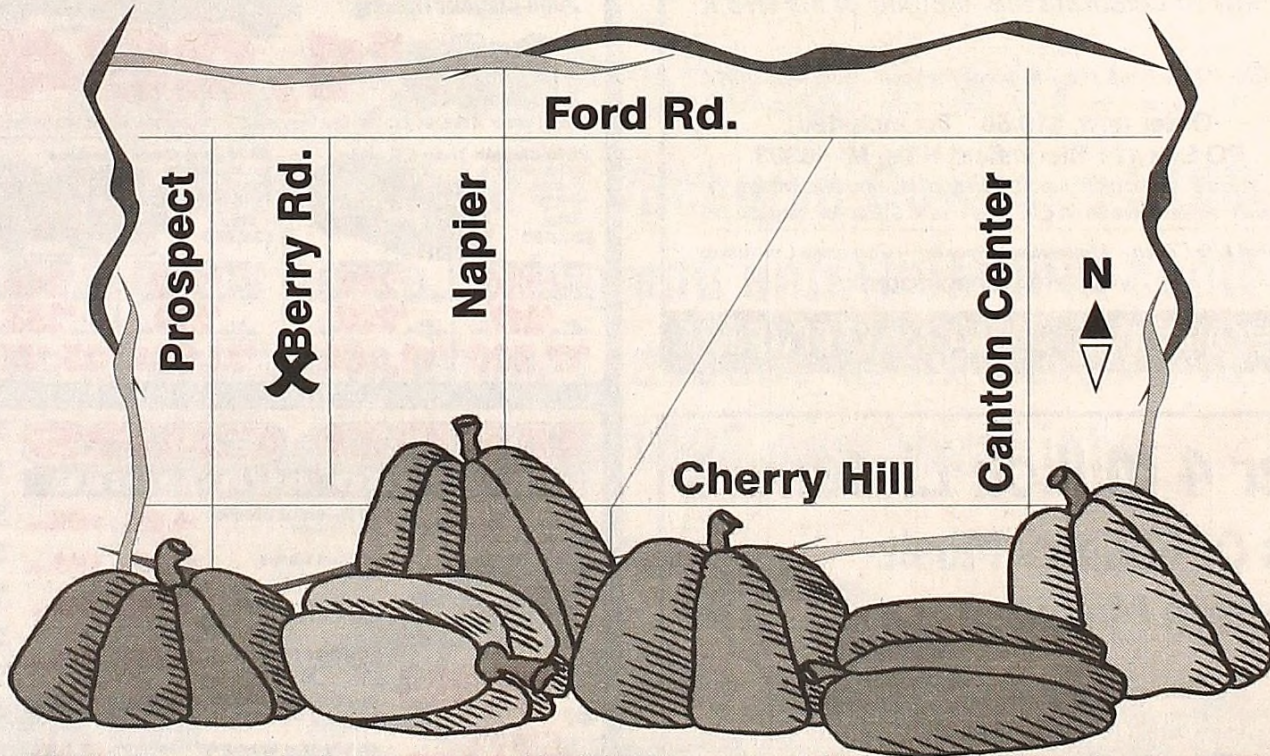
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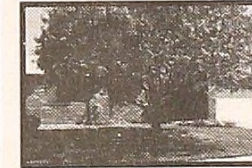
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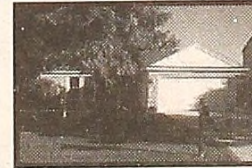
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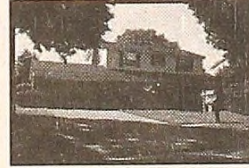
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SPORTS

Canton Rocks Salem 55-21, stay undefeated

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There's nothing better than a rivalry game between two neighboring high schools to end the season. Unless, you're the Canton Chiefs and the 55-21 victory over the Salem Rocks last Friday night earned you a perfect regular season record.

"It feels good," said Canton Head Coach Tim Baechler about their perfect record. And it should after going 8-1 the last few years.

The Chiefs' offense rolled in the first half scoring 48 points with touchdowns from the entire backfield. Devin Thomas ran in a 53-yard touchdown on the first play of the game and he scored the Chiefs' second touchdown from nine yards out to give the Chiefs the quick lead.

Salem scored to bring them within seven but the Chiefs overpowered the Rocks in the second quarter when they scored 34 points.

Chiefs' quarterback Shawn Little went 4-5 for 52 yards with a touchdown and an interception. His touchdown, the Chiefs' third, was a beautiful six-yard pass to

Travis McKinney, who made an equally beautiful diving catch in the end zone.

The onslaught kept coming as McKinney scored again from two yards out, Thomas scored again from 15 yards and it was back to McKinney who scored the sixth touch down of the half from 16 yards out. Julian Smith joined in the second quarter flurry with a two-yard jaunt to the end zone.

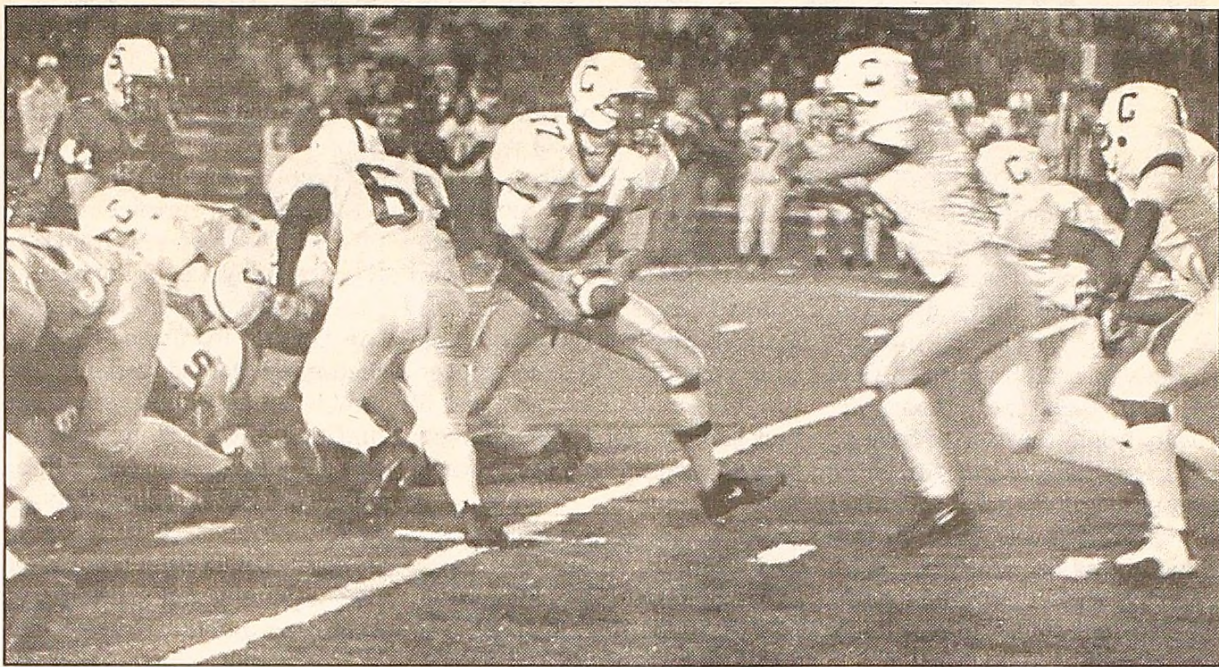
Salem scored again in the second but it wasn't nearly enough to overcome Canton's commanding 48-13 lead going into halftime.

Junior fullback Chuck Schumacher scored Canton's eighth and final touchdown in the third quarter with a 32-yard scamper to pay dirt.

The Rocks scored again in third quarter but the game was out of reach at 55-21. Neither team scored in the fourth quarter and both teams' fates were sealed.

Canton ended with a 9-0-season record and the loss set Salem at a disappointing 1-8 record.

Despite the score Salem's offense had a solid day with quarterback Chris Drabicki throwing for 305 yards and a touchdown and he threw only one interception.



The Canton Chiefs' talented backfield ran over the Salem Rocks to remain undefeated in regular season play.

tion. Wide-out Brian Bradley caught 206 of Drabicki's yards on 10 catches and tailback Mike Kerul rushed for a touchdown.

For Canton, McKinney ended up with 103 yards on 13 carries and recorded three touchdowns. Schumacher pounded out 81 yards on 10 carries and a touchdown and Thomas finished with 79 yards on eight carries and three touchdowns.

Junior linebacker Jake Powers and senior defensive end Bryon Siefert led the Chiefs' defense with 13 tackles each. Jeff Hudson recorded an interception and Brandon Reeves recovered a fumble.

The Chiefs will have home field advantage when they play the Wayne Memorial Zebras tomorrow night in the first round of playoffs.

"They're a talented team with an aggressive defense," Baechler said about Wayne.

"They made a good turnaround from last year. They're excited to be in the playoffs and we're going to have to have a good week of practice and come out ready to play."

Last year Canton went 8-1 in the regular season, defeated John Glenn in the first round of playoffs and lost to Catholic Central in the second round.

Area first-round playoff schedule:

- Wayne Memorial (6-3) at Canton (9-0): 7:00 p.m. Friday
- Saline (7-2) at Westland John Glenn (7-2): 7:00 p.m. Friday
- Brighton (6-3) at Redford Catholic Central (8-1)
- Walled Lake Western (6-3) at South Lyon (7-2)
- Walled Lake Central (7-2) at Clarkston (7-2)
- Taylor Kennedy (8-1) at Novi (9-0)

Mustangs win district, topple Stevenson with 2-1 win

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It took two of the area's best teams double overtime to decide who was worthy of the District I soccer championship title.

For the last two years Livonia Stevenson Spartans were crowned victors over the Northville Mustangs, both times the games were decided by one goal.

This year it was the Mustangs' turn to walk off the field as district champions. Northville beat Stevenson 2-1 in a double-overtime game-to-end-all-games match up.

"The emotions and the intensity of both teams - it was like a war out there," said Northville coach Henry Klimes. "Both teams were sparring a little at the start of the game and then things settled down."

At the 12-minute mark of the first half Jason Glogowski fired the ball from 25 yards out at the Stevenson net. The goalie blocked the shot but let the rebound loose and Jackson Knoll was there to knock it in for Northville to give them the early and coveted 1-0 lead. Knoll recorded the goal and Glogowski posted the assist. The half ended 1-0.

Stevenson returned the favor 15 minutes into the second half when they kicked the ball past Northville's goalkeeper Steve Besk. He got a hand on it but the ball dipped and dropped in behind



The Northville Mustangs defeated the Stevenson Spartans in double overtime to earn the title of District 1 Champions.

him, according to Klimes.

Both teams had key opportunities later in the second, said Klimes, but nothing more went by the goalies to end regulation play with a 1-1 tie.

Northville's top players, Phil Yutzy and James Hannah, had chances in the first overtime but couldn't put it in the net and a second overtime was forced.

Only three minutes were left in the second overtime when Mike Kelleher blasted in an unassisted goal to win the game.

"I definitely have to give respect and honor to Stevenson," Klimes said. They're a great team. They made it the last two years. I guess that it was our turn this time.

"It was tough to see them lose but we won't let them or Novi or

any of the Western Lakes teams down. We're going to do our best to represent the Western Lakes."

The road to the championship game wasn't any easier for Northville.

The Mustangs had to play Novi, the number-two ranked team in the state.

Yutzy, Kelleher and Hannah each scored a goal and had an

assist in the 3-2 victory that sent them to the championship game.

The Mustangs will play Dearborn this week in the regional competition, which will be hosted at Southgate Anderson High School.

"They lost to teams that we were able to beat in the regular season," Klimes said. "At this time on the tournament everyone is undefeated regardless of past records."

All-District Team Selections

Fourteen players and two goal-tenders from the districts were chosen for the All-District team. Northville had five players selected to the team: James Hannah, Mike Kelleher, Phil Yutzy, Scott Hammerle and goaltender Steve Besk. Novi had four selected: Brad Simpson, Matt Nickles, A.W. Stanek and their goalie A.J. Goldzinski. Pat Koldziejczak, Jordan Fyleneneko and Nick Dordesi were chosen from the Stevenson squad. John Show, Eric Swiech and Steve Coxford were selected from Catholic Central's team. North Farmington's Andrew Mourani was also selected.

The players hope to go and be selected to the All-Regional team and end up on the All-State first, second or third team or an honorable mention.

"There's a nice group of kids in there," said Henry Klimes, chairperson for the All-District team committee. "I hope they get to move on to All-Regional and All-State teams."

Cross-town showdown Rockets blast Zebras 40-8

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Two neighboring gridiron high school teams clashed on the field last Friday night and it was the John Glenn Rockets that rose above the Wayne Memorial Zebras in a 40-8 victory. As a result the Rockets took home the rivalry trophy that started back in 1971 when the teams started to play each other.

"The game was huge for the players and the coaches," said John Glenn Head Coach Chuck Gordon. "It's always important to win those big rivalry games."

"We had a some things go our way and we were able to capitalize on them. From there it kind of snowballed."

The bigger John Glenn team pushed the smaller Zebra lines up and down the field and Wayne couldn't get their offense rolling, in fact, they moved further backwards than forward on their opening possession.

Three penalties, including a delay of game and a substitution infraction, cost them 15 yards that put them on their 25-yard-line and made it a third-and-25 situation. Quarterback Brad Wilson fumbled the ball but Wayne recovered it on their 10-yard line and forced them to

punt. All together the Zebras racked up negative 25 yards on offense on their first drive.

The Rocket weren't much better on their first try from Wayne's 29-yard line when a pitch from quarterback Vinnie DeLuca to Matt Smitherman was botched, which enabled Wayne to recover the loose ball. Two runs and a sack later the Zebras were forced to punt again from their 23-yard line.

"We had a some things go our way and we were able to capitalize on them. From there it kind of snowballed."

Chuck Gordon

The rest of the first quarter was a punting match between the two teams, which resulted in a 0-0 opening first quarter with the Rockets posed to strike from the Wayne's 25-yard line to start the second.

Three runs later Smitherman was hit low and went end over end into the end zone from the one-yard line. DeLuca missed

the extra point to make it a 6-0 game.

Wayne obtained good field position from a Terrell Ford kick-off return across mid field, but the first play was a completed pass but it ended up fumbled on the ground for John Glenn to recover on their 45-yard line. The fumble set up Smitherman's second touchdown from 38 yards out. The two-point conversion failed but the Rocket's went up 12-0.

Wayne's next drive was rattled with a penalty and another sack on Wilson and they were forced to punt again, which set up the Rockets on their 42-yard line. DeLuca and Smitherman moved the ball down field to set up a 32-yard screen pass from DeLuca to Alex Jachym for a touchdown. DeLuca nailed the extra point to put the Rockets up 19-0 to end the first half.

With 7:01 left in the third quarter the Rockets struck again when DeLuca connected with John Adams for a 45-yard touchdown and DeLuca added the extra point to extend their lead 26-0. Three minutes later, DeLuca connected with Luke Brown from 16 yards out for his third touchdown pass of the night to his third different receiver. It was Brown's first touchdown of

Like Father, Like Son

Four Rockets' players in last week's traditional John Glenn vs. Wayne rivalry game had fathers that played in earlier rivalry matches against the two football programs.

Vinnie DeLuca's father Todd played for Westland in the 1975 bout; John McCahill's dad Dave played for Wayne in the 1979 match-up; Dave Somerville's father Bud played for John Glenn in the 1974 competition; and Greg Wacker's father Jeff played for the Rockets in the 1978 game.

the season. DeLuca kicked the extra point for a commanding 33-0 lead.

The Rockets didn't stop there. In the fourth quarter, senior full-back David Somerville bowled in for a 5-yard touchdown run and DeLuca kicked the extra point to put the game out of reach at 40-0 with 11:53 left to play.

Kudos to the Zebras as they never quit and narrowly avoided a shutout in the last seconds of the game. With six seconds left Hughlan Williams ran in a 6-yard touchdown and followed it up with a two-point conversion to end the game 40-8.

DeLuca ended the night 7-13 for 99 yards and three touchdowns and Smitherman gained 142 yards and two touchdowns. The Rockets' defense held the Zebras to 55 total yards, negative 28 in the first half, according to John Glenn stats.

It's fair to say that the Zebras weren't themselves in the match-up. The leading tailback T.J. Dillard was recovering from strep throat, starting strong safety Steve Frost missed the game due to the same illness and starting linebacker Jeremy Jamnick is rehabilitating a shoulder injury.

"Our defense was makeshift," said Wayne Head Coach Craig Hnatuk. "We had to move guys around and some blew coverage because they weren't use to the new position and other times they made big plays for us. It was just frustrating."

Hnatuk was forced to switch starting safety Justin Venegoni to strong safety and placed backup safety Brian Odom into the starting lineup. Odom came up with an interception in the third quarter.

"We really felt that throughout the season that we were as good as they (Glenn) were," Hnatuk said. "The difference is that they got better overall every week. We only got better in areas. Defense is an area that we haven't gotten better at. We have to get off the mat and play Wayne Memorial defense like we did in the beginning of the season. We have to get back down to the basics."

It wasn't a must-win game for either team as both teams advanced to the playoffs. Wayne has the pleasure of taking on an undefeated Canton Chiefs team in Canton tomorrow night and John Glenn will play a 7-2 Saline team at home tomorrow night.



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Tigers topped by Monroe

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Tigers fell back into their inconsistent offensive ways last week in a 39-64 drumming by the highly ranked Monroe High School basketball team.

Despite their doldrums on offense, the Eagles showed flare and a wiliness to fight for the ball. There were several times when it was a free-for-all with players wrestling for the ball at midcourt. However, there were many telltale signs that the Tigers are still a young team.

They recorded 32 turnovers that Monroe was able to convert into points at crucial moments in the game. They also took good first shots but were unable to swipe the rebounds and take advantage of second shots and they had a hard time rebounding defensively. Belleville also had trouble breaking the full-court press set up by Monroe.

Monroe was also the faster, bigger and stronger team. Monroe star Deborah

Anderson moved well up and down the court, stealing the ball and intercepting passes, where she was able to go full-court and score or assist on a play. Monroe also passed the ball as well as any team has all season and they had excellent ball handling skills while driving to the net. Ashley Schatzle led Monroe with 12 points.

Belleville took very few fouls, which can be a good thing at times, but in this instance it allowed for Monroe to consistently drive to the basket and score.

The young Belleville team didn't play bad they were just outplayed by a more disciplined veteran team.

The Tigers kept it close in the first quarter where they were only down by six with a score of 14-8 at the end. Turnovers hurt them in the second quarter, though, and Monroe pulled ahead 34-18 to end the first half. They never overcame the 16-point deficit and Monroe pulled ahead to finish the game 64-39.

Junior Ericka Brewer led Belleville with 13 points and freshman Danica



The Belleville Tigers' Taylor Manley drives to the basket against the Monroe Trojans.

Holmes added eight for the Tigers. The other freshman Taylor Manley stayed quiet with only two points but help spread the ball around, according to Belleville coach Kevin Edwards.

"The girls are still learning and playing hard," Edwards said. "At times they show spurts and signs of playing well but they can't hold onto it for a full 32 minutes...it

just disappears."

The Tigers will play against a very challenging Inkster Vikings team and Southgate this week. Both games will be played at home. It will be a tough ride with starter Brewer out for two weeks with an injury. Both freshman, Manley and Holmes, will get to play for the injured Brewer, Edwards said.

John Glenn hoopsters walled by Western, 51-38, and Central, 36-32

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Although Westland John Glenn outscored Walled Lake Western in the second half of their battle on the basketball court last Tuesday it wasn't enough to pull them ahead in the 51-38 loss.

"Once we made adjustments at the half we out scored them," said John Glenn coach Mike Schuette. "Unfortunately it's a four-quarter game."

The Rockets didn't have anyone in doubles digits but Brandi Jones led the team with nine points, Amy Bailey and Jennifer Schwartz each scored eight points and Jennifer Thauvette added seven for the team.

The Rockets had difficulty containing Meghan Marihogan and Diann Houghton who combined for 38 of Western's 51 points. Marihogan scored 26 and Houghton had 12.

Schuette said he changed up the

defensive scheme in the second half, which helped contain the two Western girls but it wasn't enough to completely shut them down.

John Glenn 32, Walled Lake Central 36

John Glenn played and lost in their second game last week to a Walled Lake team. The Rockets fell short in their Thursday meeting against Walled Lake Central and lost 36-32.

"It was back and forth the

whole way," Schuette said. "It was a nice match for both teams; very few turnovers on both teams part. We just didn't put the ball in the basket in the fourth quarter"

The Rockets led 19-18 at the half but only scored 13 in the second half with only four of those in the fourth quarter. Amy Bailey led the Rockets with 10 points on the night.

Central's Michelle White led their side with 22 points, which included five three-pointers, to

propel Central in the victory.

Exactly one month ago the two teams met and Central won by a 24-point margin as opposed to only four points this time.

"It's probably the best we played all year," Schuette said.

The Rockets tighten their belt and take off against rivals Wayne Memorial tonight at Wayne.

"I think that we are pretty comparable to Wayne," Schuette said. "We will have to play a hard game, like always."

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Robichaud overcome Kennedy, 59-53

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Dearborn Heights Robichaud pulled all out a nail-biter last Tuesday night against Taylor Kennedy with a 59-53 win.

"I feel good about pulling this on out," said Robichaud coach Warren Woods. "It was a pretty hard fought game all the way through. They're a good team they have a lot of talent. They beat top teams like Carlson and Annapolis this season and they had a size advantage over us."

"Right now, we're trying to get as many conference wins as possible."

The win over Kennedy improved their conference record to 4-2.

Mary Riley led the team with 36 points, which 12 points came in the second quarter alone, and she hit six three-pointers.

"The thing about Mary isn't that she can score 36 points but that she can do it while being double and triple covered," Woods said. "However, we need contribution from other players and we're getting there - every game we're getting there."

Robichaud will play Kennedy again on Nov. 13 at Kennedy where Woods said he is looking forward to playing them again, "We'll cross that bridge when we get to it," he said.

First, Woods and his team had to travel to Redford Union to play last Thursday night where they fell 55-40.

"They had a size advantage over us," he said.

"They beat us up a little bit on the inside and we only shot nine of 20 from the free throw line."

Robichaud led through the first three quarters 30-29 but Redford Union had a powerful fourth quarter and scored 26 points and held Robichaud to 10.

"They had girls shooting three-pointers and they made nine free throws in the last quarter," Woods said. "I think we got a little tired at the end."

Robichaud also had a technical foul that ended up to be a six-point swing for Redford.

"That hurt us. That changed the momentum of the game," he said. "That was my fault and I'll take the blame for that."

Mary Riley led the team again with 23 points and Britney Smiley contributed with eight.

Megan Davison scored 15 for Redford and Martina Franklin added 13 points and 20 rebounds.

Robichaud have a tough week and play three games against Annapolis, Melvindale tonight and Plymouth tomorrow night.

"We just have to start doing the little things like making free throws and getting rebounds," Woods said. "The girls are playing hard and improving every game. I'm proud of all the girls and how they are playing at this time of the year and that's all I can ask for."

Chiefs defeat Stevenson, 39-37

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs extended their winning streak to nine last week with a close 39-37 victory over the Stevenson Spartans. The win improves their overall record to 13-2 and they remain undefeated in conference play at 9-0.

Katie Cezat led the team with 17 points. Her towering size allowed her to record eight blocked shots. Rachele Guastella had a solid game with nine points, four assists and four steals, according to Canton coach Bob Blohm.

The Chiefs started out fast and scored 14 points in the first quarter and eight in the second to take a 22-11 lead at the halfway point of the game.

"We started off pretty good we were up 22-11 at the half," Blohm said. "But they changed to a zone defense and slowed things down and they double and triple teamed Cezat. We couldn't find openings or gaps to get the ball inside. They made it hard to get good quality scoring opportunities."

Canton only scored 17 points during the entire second half while Stevenson put up 26 with 20 points scored in the third quarter alone.

"We had turnovers and they had seven

steals in third quarter which resulted in three baskets for them," Blohm said. "They turned up the pressure a little bit and we didn't handle it well. They had the lead for one possession but Cezat made a basket to regain the lead and we kept it the rest of the way."

Becci Houdek came through in a huge way and went 3-4 from the free throw line down the stretch to keep the lead, Blohm said.

The Chiefs have four regular season games to play and one playoff game before district competition starts on Nov. 17.

This week the Chiefs played neighbor rivals the Salem Rocks on Tuesday in which the results weren't available for the publication of this issue. The Rocks were also 9-0 in conference play before the Tuesday night game and their overall record was an impressive 11-4.

The Chiefs play at Walled Lake Western tonight, which could be for the Western Division title, according to Blohm.

"It's a big week for us," he said. "We have a quality opponent in Salem. Hopefully we will play well. Regardless of what happens against Salem we have to turn around and play well against Walled Lake Western on the road. Fatigue will be an issue and we're going to have to be mentally prepared for both games."

Zebras fall to Churchill, 55-52 in 2 OT

Double overtime, a three pointer and a buzzer was the story of the Wayne Memorial Zebras' varsity basketball team's 55-52 loss in their only contest last week against Livonia Churchill.

"We were winning for the entire game until the last two minutes when we missed a couple of free throws in crunch time," said Wayne coach Dan Kaminski. "Churchill's Robin Johnson hit a couple of three's in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime."

Renita Price had an outstanding game for Wayne and notched a double-double with 29 points and 10 rebounds. Jennifer Anderson chipped in with 10 points for the Zebras.

Wayne kept even pace with Churchill

and forced a second overtime where Johnson nailed her sixth three-pointer at the buzzer to win it for Churchill.

Johnson led Churchill with 21 points, 18 of them coming from three-pointers, to end the game.

"We missed those free throws in the fourth quarter and that was basically the story of the game," Kaminski said. "It's a tough loss but it's probably the best we've played in weeks."

The season is winding down and the Zebras will play a hot-and-cold Northville team this week as well as rivals John Glenn tonight at home. They will finish their season off with games against Stevenson and Walled Lake Central next week.

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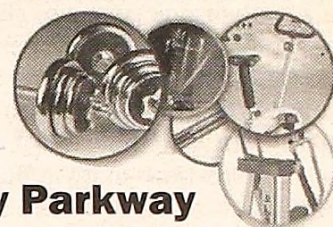
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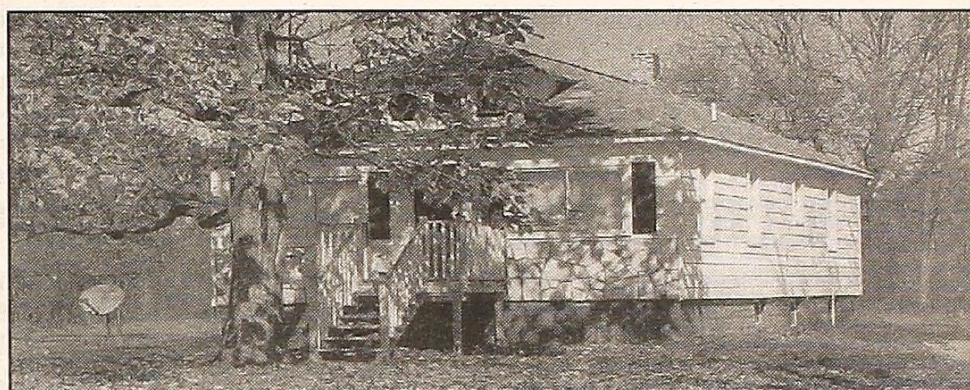
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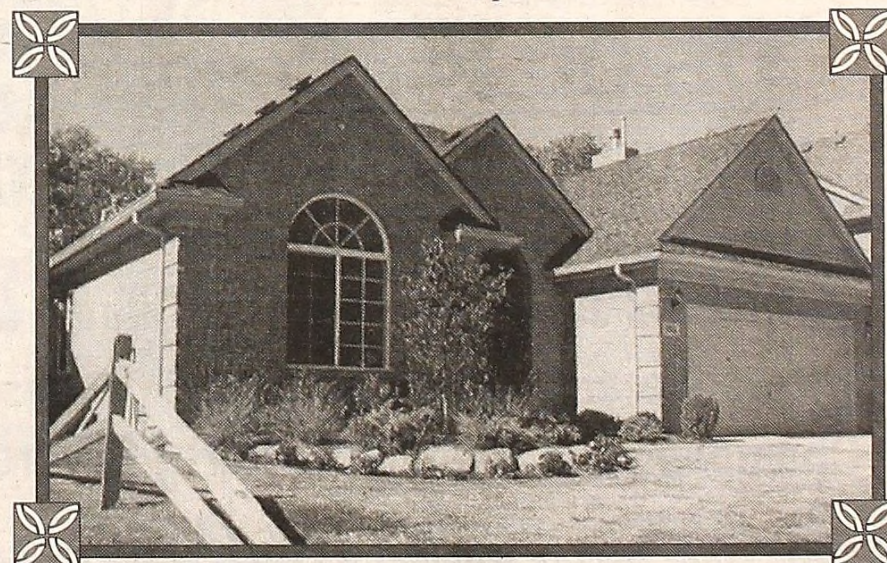
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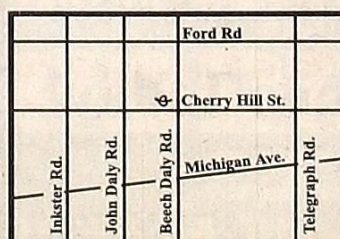
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Eagle split week, lose to Dearborn, beat Truman

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Lady Eagles were held at bay last Tuesday by Dearborn High School and fell to second place in the Mega White basketball conference with a 46-40 loss. The Eagles kept it close despite one of their best players was benched for the game and two of their other top starters were in early foul trouble, which sent them to the bench for much of the contest.

Romulus Head Coach Rhonda McAllister benched starter Janiece Armstrong for disciplinary reasons. Armstrong missed to practices and, according to McAllister, the team rule is the player has to sit regardless of how important the game is to the team.

"There are a lot of life lessons to be learned in basketball," she said. "The day I concentrate on winning a game over disciplining a player is the day that I retire from coaching."

"She (Armstrong) really had a

positive attitude and responded well to it. I don't anticipate any future problems."

Ashley Sibby, a leading scorer and defensive player, had two fouls in the first two minutes of the first quarter and had to be sat down. Top rebounder Alicia Harbor had two early fouls and she was sat most of the crucial fourth quarter, according to McAllister.

"Anything that could go wrong went wrong," she said. "It's hard to get things going when you're out of sink, when you have three starters on the bench and ask role players, that do their jobs well, to step up and have to do everything."

Despite having to sit for parts of the game, Sibby led the team with 14 points, three assists and four rebounds. Erika Mims was one rebound away from a double-double in the game. She scored 11 points and had nine rebounds and posted six assists. Harbor still managed 20 rebounds in the game along with nine points.

Harbor fouled out with three minutes left in the game, according to McAllister.

"That really hurt us," she said. "Without Alicia in the game, Dearborn was able to gain crucial rebounds at a crucial time in the game."

"They're a really good team, very disciplined."

Chris Falzon led Dearborn with 18 points, which included going 4-4 from the free throw line and Yvonne Hamood scored 8 points for Dearborn and both players set the pace of the game with their quickness, according to McAllister.

The loss to Dearborn was the Eagles' first loss in conference play and put them in second place with a 5-1 Mega White record and a 11-2 for an overall record. Their only other loss was against a top-ranked Monroe team.

Romulus 49, Truman 35

With a full team of starters, the Eagles got back on track with a 49-35 win over Taylor Truman

last Thursday night.

Sibby had a stellar game and led the Eagles with 22 points and was in charge of defending against Truman's star Christina Karle.

"Not only did Sibby have an outstanding game offensively but she did a great job defensively against Karle and she still scored 22 points," McAllister said.

Coming back from a one-game suspension, Armstrong scored 11 points for the Eagles including three three-pointers. Mims, with another solid all-around game, contributed with 10 points, eight assists, five steals and six rebounds and Harbor stayed out of foul trouble and nabbed 15 rebounds and scored six points in the win.

The Eagles fell behind in the first half, 20-19, when Truman's

Karle ran wild but pulled ahead in the third quarter, 35-28, when McAllister doubled Karle. Truman didn't put the ball in the basket at all in the final quarter and Romulus put the win away at 49-35.

The Eagles play Trenton on the road tonight and will remain traveling for the next three games against Edsel Ford, Kennedy and Garden City. Their next home game will be a rematch against Dearborn at home on Nov. 13.

"We have a veteran team," McAllister said.

"We are use to playing away. I don't think that we'll have a problem with it."

"I tell the team that when we play away we're staring the game down by ten and that's how they play the game."

Mustangs end tough season against Novi

It has been a long tough road for head coach Clint Alexander and the Northville Mustangs' varsity football team as they reached the end of their season last week.

Their last game was against an undefeated Novi Wild Cats team. The Mustangs put on a fourth-quarter rally but fell short in the 35-16 loss. It was pretty much the same story as the rest of their season as penalties rattled and stalled their offense.

"We kept getting penalties and had to start drives first-and-20 and first-and-25 and we couldn't get things going," Alexander said. "We had some mental mistakes as well."

Senior running back Matt Stilec had a 50-yard touchdown run on their first possession that was called back on a holding penalty.

Novi outscored Northville 21-0 in the first half and then scored another 14 points to extend their lead to 35-0 in the third quarter. Northville didn't give in as they mounted a rally in the fourth quarter.

Senior quarterback Marc Sorenson connected with Bill Brown for a 12-yard touchdown and back-up quarterback Charlie Thomas hit Ryan Hilloch with an 8-yard touchdown strike. The touchdowns and extra points made it a 35-16 game but time ran out for the Mustangs to pull out an upset.

With Sorenson graduating in June, Charlie Thomas received extensive playing time this season and should make for a great starter next season. He's mobile and has a strong and accurate arm. For the most part the team's core players will be back for next season. The other bright spot in the Novi

game was that senior defensive end Jordan Marshall received the defensive player of the game award for his outstanding play, Alexander said.

This season was tough as the young Mustangs played against two undefeated teams, Canton and Novi, and played against Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, John Glenn, and Wayne - all playoff teams.

"We're a little disappointed in our record," Alexander said. "We made improvements all season. Overall the kids' attitudes have been great all the way through. We lost some heartbreakers against six division playoff teams."

"We had a chance to win every game. We just need to be more consistent. We're in a physical division and we have to play more physical."

Next season won't be any easier as they start out the season against Saline and John Glenn - both are playoff teams this season - and they play the new Plymouth High School varsity team. This will be the first year for Plymouth to have a varsity football team. Their junior varsity team, which will become the varsity team, went undefeated this year.

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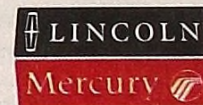
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